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# INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(c) AND EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE OF THE CITED PRIOR ART

Sir:

The undersigned hereby requests that the prior art cited on the attached prior art statement be placed of record in the application file.

This citation of prior art is made under 37 CFR 1.97(c), since it is being filed before any final action, including before a Notice of Allowance or any other action which closes prosecution.

This prior art statement is accompanied by a fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p).

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The relevance of the prior art cited on the attached form 1449 is as follows:

#### US 5,184,039

This patent teaches a motor/gear-train drive unit, and particularly a motor-vehicle power-window drive or the like, which can be manufactured and assembled at low cost, and which comprises a motor frame (1) enclosed in the circumferential direction and an adjacent gear case (2) at one of its axial ends and a closing bearing cap (3) at its other axial end, can be obtained by making the bearing cap (3) with a brush support plate (5) mounted therein and bonded therewith. Plug pins (41, 42) extend outwardly through the bearing cap (3). The preassembled subassembly that is axially displaceable, tightly sealed (seal ring [7]), relative to the motor frame (1) and can be secured in a given final operating position to the motor frame (1).

### US 5,942,827

This patent teaches an electric motor comprising a stator with an internal permanent magnet and a tubular magnetic return sleeve surrounding said permanent magnet whereby an annular air gap is formed there between, said magnetic return sleeve being held at its axial and radial positions relative to said permanent magnet by a frame of plastic material injected around these two components and being connected to said permanent magnet by said plastic frame.

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The present invention aims at improving the manner in which the two structural components are attached to and positioned on one another. This is achieved on the basis of the features that said plastic frame extends approximately up to the outer circumference of said magnetic return sleeve, and that one end portion of said magnetic return sleeve has provided therein recesses having each at least two edges which extend towards each other in the direction of the interior of the sleeve, the plastic frame being anchored on said magnetic return sleeve by means of said recesses.

#### US 6,058,594

This patent teaches an electric motor comprising a stator with an internal permanent magnet and a tubular magnetic return sleeve surrounding said permanent magnet whereby an annular air gap is formed there between, said magnetic return sleeve being held at its axial and radial positions relative to said permanent magnet by a frame of plastic material injected around these two components and being connected to said permanent magnet by said plastic frame. The present invention aims at improving the manner in which the two structural components are attached to and positioned on one another. This is achieved on the basis of the features that said plastic frame extends approximately up to the outer circumference of said magnetic return sleeve, and that one end portion of said magnetic return sleeve has provided therein recesses having each at least two

edges which extend towards each other in the direction of the interior of the sleeve, the plastic frame being anchored on said magnetic return sleeve by means of said recesses.

## DE 196 14 217

This patent teaches an electric motor comprising a stator with an internal permanent magnet and a tubular magnetic return sleeve surrounding said permanent magnet whereby an annular air gap is formed there between, said magnetic return sleeve being held at its axial and radial positions relative to said permanent magnet by a frame of plastic material injected around these two components and being connected to said permanent magnet by said plastic frame. The present invention aims at improving the manner in which the two structural components are attached to and positioned on one another. This is achieved on the basis of the features that said plastic frame extends approximately up to the outer circumference of said magnetic return sleeve, and that one end portion of said magnetic return sleeve has provided therein recesses having each at least two edges which extend towards each other in the direction of the interior of the sleeve, the plastic frame being anchored on said magnetic return sleeve by means of said recesses.

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GB 2 014 371

This patent teaches a small electric geared motor which is contained in a

housing (1). The housing is of two-part construction comprising an attachment plate

(2) and a cover (3) which is securable to the plate (2) by tabs (7) punched out of the

plate. Other tongues (4, 5, 6), also punched out of the plate, form carriers for

mounting parts of the motor in the housing. When the plate is made from a

ferromagnetic material, the bent up tongues (4, 5) act, together with the plate (2), as

a magnetic flux return path for the magnetic elements of the motor.

Further examination of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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